

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 4 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 1,2, and 5-8 have been amended to better describe the present invention. Claims 10-22 have been added. No new matter has been added.

1. The Examiner objected to claims 4, 6, 8, and 9 for informalities. Applicants have amended (or canceled) to correct the informalities. Applicants submit these objects are now moot.

2. The Examiner objected to claims 4 and 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

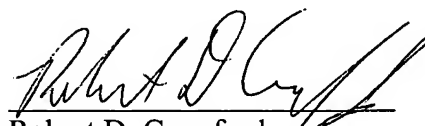
Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to include the respective limitations of claims 4 and 9, effectively rewriting claims 4 and 9 in independent form. Applicants submit that claims 1 and 5 are allowable, and therefore the rejections presented by the Examiner are now moot. All the dependent claims variously dependent from claims 1 and 4 and therefore are also allowable.

3. Newly added claims 10-22 variously depend on independent claims 1 or 5, and therefore are allowable.

4. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and allowed. If the Examiner is not prepared to allow all the claims in view of the discussion herein, Applicants hereby respectfully request a phone interview with the Examiner at the Examiner's earliest convenient. Applicants' counsel can be reached at 203-626-3502 (direct dial) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by E-mail at rcrawford@cidra.com.

5. A petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 is submitted herewith. Please charge the fee of **\$450.00** for the two (2) month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-0260 Order No. CC-0703. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel L. Gysling et al.


Robert D. Crawford
Registration No. 38,119

CiDRA Corporation
50 Barnes Park North
Wallingford, CT 06492
Telephone: (203) 626-3502